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## **LIVING HISTORY REENACTMENT AT RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS** *Historic Rancho de los Peñasquitos to Host Mexican War Raid*

More than a century and a half ago, during the Mexican War, General Stephen Watts Kearny and his Army of the West marched to the Rancho de los Peñasquitos Ranch House. A living history reenactment of this exciting event will be staged at the ranch house on Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24.

The reenactment will highlight the events of Dec. 11, 1846 as Kearny and his weary troops, half-starved and wounded after they were besieged at the Battle of Mule Hill, stopped at the rancho. The desperate soldiers raided the house of all food, wine, and supplies. After camping overnight, they marched on to San Diego the following day.

Besides the reenactment of the raid, visitors to the event will enjoy period music, fashion shows, wagon rides, vendor booths, and displays of period weaponry. Adding to the pageantry and excitement will be cannon and musket fire, and tactical drills.

The Raid on Rancho Peñasquitos will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Los Peñasquitos Ranch House is located at 12122 Canyonside Park Drive, San Diego. Sponsors of the event include the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation, the Frontier Army of the West, Happy Trails Stables, the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council, and Reno Contracting.

For more information and a schedule of events, please visit [www.sdparks.org](http://www.sdparks.org).

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